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They are also requested to kindly bring this booklet to the knowledge of maximum number of their classmates and friends so that they also can derive similar benefits for themselves.

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PRAYERS

धीयो यो नः प्रचोदयात्

May That Supreme Being impel our intellect
towards the right path.

असतो मा सद्गमय ।
तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।
मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय ॥

Lead us from unreal unto Real,
Lead us from darkness unto Light,
Lead us from death unto Immortality.

आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः

Let noble thoughts come to us from all sides.

सा विद्या या विमुक्तये

Knowledge is that which liberates.

उत्तिष्ठत जाग्रत प्राप्य वरान्निबोधत ।

Arise ! Awake ! Having reached the
great (teacher), learn (realise that Atman).

अज्ञानतिमिरान्धस्य ज्ञानाञ्जनशलाकया ।
चक्षुरुन्मीलितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

I prostrate to that Sadguru, Who opens, with the
Collyrium-stick of Knowledge, the eyes of him who
is rendered blind by the darkness of ignorance.

ॐ सह नाववतु । सह नौ भुनक्तु ।
सह वीर्यं करवावहै । तेजस्विनावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै ॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ।

May He (The Supreme Being) protect us both (the teacher
and the taught). May He cause us both to enjoy the bliss of
Mukti (liberation). May we both exert to find out the true
meaning of the scriptures. May our studies be fruitful.

May we never quarrel with each other.

वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्

The whole universe is one family.

ॐ सर्वेषां स्वस्ति भवतु । सर्वेषां शान्तिर्भवतु ।

सर्वेषां पुर्णं भवतु । सर्वेषां मङ्गलं भवतु ॥

May asupiciousness be unto all,

May peace be unto all,

May fullness be unto all,

May prosperity be unto all.

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।

सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद् दुःखभागभवेत् ॥

May all be happy,

May all be free from disabilities,

May all behold what is auspiciousness,

May none suffer from sorrows.

लोका समस्ता सुखिनो भवन्तु ।

May Happiness be unto all Beings.

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात्पूर्णमुदच्यते ।

पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पुर्णमेवावशिष्यते ॥

Om ! That (Brahman) is full. This (Universe) is Full.

From That (Brahman) Full, this (Universe) Full has come.

When this (Universe) full is taken from That (Brahman) full,

It (Brahman) always remains Full.

Peace be to the East ! Peace be to the West !

Peace be to the North ! Peace be to the South !

Peace be above ! Peace be below !

Peace be to all creatures of this universe !!

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ।

Om ! Peace, Peace, Peace.

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Convocation Address to Ancient Students

In ancient India, students were taught in the "*Gurukulas* and *Rishikulas*" by *Rishis*, *Munis*, the *Brahma Vidya Gurus*. They were imparted "Life-building, Character-building and Man-making" education through moral, ethical, religious and spiritual education, as stated in our ancient Spiritual Scriptures and as said by our *Rishis*, *Munis*, Saints and Sages, and according to our great, glorious, lofty, unique and ideal ancient Indian Culture or *Bharatiya Sanskruti*. Consequently, they were able to lay the foundation of their life during their student life threat properly and strongly with good physical health, powerful mind, noble character and ethical conduct, with strict observance of complete celibacy. They were acquiring knowledge about our Indian Culture or *Bharatiya Sanskruti* and on the four grand goals of ideal human life according to our own culture, i.e. righteousness, economic prosperity, vital worldly desires and spiritual illumination, for living an ideal, successful, complete, purposeful, prosperous, happy and peaceful human life. Thus, the ancient students were coming out of the *Gurukulas* and *Rishikulas* with proper and strong foundation of their life; and rightly and adequately taught; and well prepared to live their future life completely and successfully.

At the time of their departure from the "*Gurukulas* and *Rishikulas*" on completion of their study, their Teachers, the *Rishis*, *Munis*, the *Brahma Vidya Gurus*, were imparting them necessary final teachings on how they should conduct themselves in their household life so that they could live a successful life. Such final teaching or address is called "Convocation Address".

One such "Convocation Address" delivered by the ancient Preceptor, the Great *Rishi Yajnavalkya*, to his students on completion of education in his *Gurukula*, is found in the *Taittiriya*

Upanishad, Siksha Valli, Eleventh Anuvaka - 1 to 5. The meaning of the said convocation address is given below. The said address is as relevant in the modern time as it was so in the ancient time. Therefore, our modern students can most profitably study the same and derive immense benefits in their life from the same.

Ancient Convocation Address

(*Taittiriya Upanishad, Siksha Valli, Eleventh Anuvaka - 1 to 5*)

वेदमनूच्याचार्योऽन्तेवासिनमनुशास्ति । सत्यं वद । धर्मं चर । स्वाध्यायान्मा प्रमदः ।
आचार्याय प्रियं धममाहृत्य प्रजातन्तुं मा व्यवच्छेत्सीः । सत्यान् प्रमदितव्यम् । धर्मान् प्रमदितव्यम् ।
कुशलान् प्रमदितव्यम् । भूत्यै न प्रमदितव्यम् । स्वाध्यायप्रवचनाभ्यां न प्रमदितव्यम् ।

देवपितृकार्याभ्यां न प्रमदितव्यम् । मातृदेवो भव । पितृदेवो भव । आचार्यदेवो भव ।
अतिथिदेवो भव । यान्यनवद्यानि कर्माणि । तानि सेवितव्यानि । नो इतराणि । यान्यस्माकं
सुचरितानि । तानि त्वयोपास्यानि । नो इतराणि ।

ये के चास्मच्छेयाँसो ब्राह्मणाः । तेषां त्वयाऽऽसनेन प्रश्वसितव्यम् ।

श्रद्धया देयम् । अश्रद्धयादेयम् । श्रिया देयम् । ह्रिया देयम् । भिया देयम् । संविदा
देयम् । अथ यदि ते कर्मविचिकित्सा वा वृत्तविचिकित्सा वा स्यात् । ये तत्र ब्राह्मणाः सम्मर्शिनः ।
युक्ता आयुक्ताः अलूक्षा धर्मकामाः स्युः । यथा ते तत्र वर्तेरन् । तथा तत्र वर्तेथाः । अथाभ्याख्यातेषु
। ये तत्र ब्राह्मणाः सम्मर्शिनः । युक्ता आयुक्ताः । अलूक्षा धर्मकामाः स्युः । यथा ते तेषु वर्तेरन्
। तथा तेषु वर्तेथाः । एष आदेशः । एष उपदेशः । एषा वेदोपनिषत् । एतदनुशासनम् ।
एवमुपासितव्यम् । एवमु चैतदुपास्यम् ।

Having taught the *Vedas*, the preceptor exhorts the disciple:

1. "Speak the truth. Adhere to *Dharma* and do your duty. Never swerve from the study of the *Vedas*. After giving the preceptor the fee he desires, enter into household life and do not cut off the thread of the offspring. Never swerve away from speaking the Truth. Never swerve from observing *Dharma* and performing your duty. Never neglect your welfare. Never neglect your prosperity. Never neglect the study and the teachings of the *Vedas*."

2. "Never swerve from the duties to the gods and to the manes. May the mother be thy God. May the father be thy God. May the preceptor be thy God. May the guest be thy God. Let only those actions that are free from blemishes be done, and not others. Only those that are good acts to us should be performed by thee and not others."

3. "You should remove the fatigue of *Brahmanas* who are superior to us by serving them with seats, etc."

4 & 5. "Gift should be given with *shraddha* or faith, it should never be given without *shraddha* or faith, it should be given in plenty, with modesty, with sympathy.

Now if any doubt as regards any action or conduct arises in you, you should act in those matters in the manner in which the *Brahmanas*, who are thoughtful, religious, not set on by others, not cruel, devoted to *Dharma*, act there.

Now as regards persons accused of sin, deal with them in the manner in which the *Brahmanas*, who are thoughtful, religious, not set on by others, not cruel, devoted to *Dharma*, deal there.

This is the injunction. This is the teaching. This is the secret of the *Vedas* and the *Upanishads*. This is the (God's word of) command. This should be observed. Thus is this to be meditated upon."

Dear Modern Students !

You can study the soft copy of other write-ups and all other lessons on the subject of "Life-building, Character-building and Man-making Education", which are contained in the newly conceived, designed and prepared Text Book titled "Life Building Science", in the Internet Archive.

You can do so by accessing internet through any browser, logging in <archive.org>, clicking - <Advance Search> (A box of fields will appear on the screen), typing <Mohan Lal Agrawal> in the field "Creator" and clicking <Search>. The above books in PDF format will be displayed.

NOTE

List of Complete Publications and Videos of the Author

A. Publications

Students related publications

1. Youth ! Arise, Awake and Adopt the Right Path of Life (16 volumes)
2. Value Education for Life building and Successful Living
3. Life Building Science (Text Book)
4. Valedictory Address to Modern Students
5. Students' Awareness Programme
6. Noble Character, Ethical Conduct and Celibacy

Teachers related publications

1. Teaching Profession - Its True Dimensions
2. Teachers' Orientation Programme

Other publications

1. God's Unique Gifts to Modern Mankind - Swami Sivananda and Sivananda Literature (02 volumes)
2. Lead us from darkness unto Light (02 volumes)

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B. Videos

Students, as well as Teachers, Parents and Guardians can watch one 04 Days Students' Awareness Programmes on "Value Education for Life Building and Successful Living", with

one Teachers' Orientation Session, organised at IDM Public School, Bolangir, Odisha during 2019, by accessing and subscribing YouTube Channel with the name <Mohan's Value Education>, (Link:- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRKu88g4_8o5OiigWI0owZQ).

Students, as well as Teachers, Parents and Guardians can watch the Certificate Course on "Life Building and Successful Living", with one Teachers' Orientation Session, organised at IDM Public School, Bolangir, Odisha during 2019, by accessing and subscribing YouTube Channel with the name <Life Building Science>, (Link:-https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_engDsJG4yfEEM6e9UQuEA); and also in the aforesaid Internet Archive.

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